

Town hall departments will begin summer office hours on Monday, June 5. Instead of the usual 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. hours, town offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Also, beginning on June 3, the Robbins Library will be closed Saturdays. The schedule of Saturday openings will resume on September 9.

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Panel to urge that Symmes stand pat

By DAVID P. HAMILTON
Special to the Advocate

A study group will recommend to the state that Symmes Hospital in Arlington retain all current services while Choate Hospital in Woburn eliminates 20 pediatric beds in favor of 15 additional psychiatric beds.

The Community Needs Determination Committee was chartered by the state Hospital Conversion Board to suggest ways for the Choate-Symmes Health Services to restructure itself in a manner that suits the medical needs of the two communities.

Although nearly 300 Woburn citizens attending the committee's second open meeting on May 15 overwhelmingly preferred to keep both hospitals as they are now, committee chairman Peter Collins said the Conversion Board would be unlikely to accept such a proposal.

Instead, the committee settled on a compromise between the extreme proposals of maintaining the status quo and closing Choate. Since the state had demonstrated a need for more psychiatric treatment in the area and Choate's pediatric beds were "not utilized properly," according to Collins, the committee found it appropriate to suggest replacing pediatric care with psychiatric services.

The committee's recommendation closely resembles a Choate-Symmes restructuring option that the health service management favors over four other suggestions. Choate-Symmes' own business plan differs from the committee report in calling for the closure of two medical/surgical beds and three intensive care beds in addition to the eliminated pediatric services.

In assessing community health-care needs, the committee also found a need for additional long-term nursing care in the Woburn area, although it concluded that Choate cannot provide such care as it is currently structured.

"Long-term care requires a com-

(See SYMMES, page 3A)

Memorial Day in Menotomy

Parade honors war casualties

By WENDY MIMRAN
Special to The Advocate

A traditional parade and graveside services honored Arlington's war dead on Memorial Day.

Beginning the march at Adams Street and Massachusetts Avenue at 9:30 a.m. on Monday, May 29, the procession was led by Clarence Marsh, past department commander World War I and town and state officials. Others who participated in the parade included Chief of Staff Guy Kingman, Commander V.F.W. Post No. 1775, the Menotomy Minutemen, a Gold Star Mother, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 49 and Auxiliary, American Legion Post No. 39 and Auxiliary, Donald F. Macgillivray V.F.W. Post No. 1775 and Auxiliary and the Arlington Barracks No. 2701 Veterans of World War I and Auxiliary. Honorary Grand Marshall Charles Pigott, commander of the Veterans of World War I, was unable to attend due to illness.

Stopping briefly at the Civil War Monument and Veterans Memorial at Broadway and Mass. Avenue, the parade was joined by at least 100 people who had gathered for the solemn opening tribute led by master of ceremonies and Chief Marshal Wilfrid J. St. Martin.

Mark Tremblay, chaplain of the D.A.V. Chapter 49, offered the invocation:

"In God's name we gather here to commemorate those who are no longer with us... and we pray that no more lives will be traded for liberty and justice."

A flag ceremony, volley and raising of colors followed. Gold Star Mother Mildred Hurd, accompanied by nephew Selectman Frank Hurd Jr., placed a wreath at the Veterans Memorial.

Speaking of gratitude for "those who served and lost their lives," State Rep. Robert A. Havern III said, "This was not a standing army at any time, these were everyday

(See PARADE, page 10A)



Kevin Olsson, 7, makes his way through Mt. Pleasant Cemetery on his way to Memorial Day Services Monday.

(David Stone photo)

Memories real for vets and families

By JAMES BRISCOE
For The Advocate

At 9:30 a.m., the small parade came to a halt outside the fire station where a brief service was held and several wreaths were laid at the foot of the monument commemorating Arlington's heroic dead. Later the calvalcade moved on to the cemetery where further services were held, wreaths laid, and shots fired.

While all this was going on, many others lay in bed, were preparing to take advantage of the sales, or were enjoying a day at the beach or in the country. And why not? After all Memorial Day is a holiday. Yet, to those who participated in that parade, it was a far more special day.

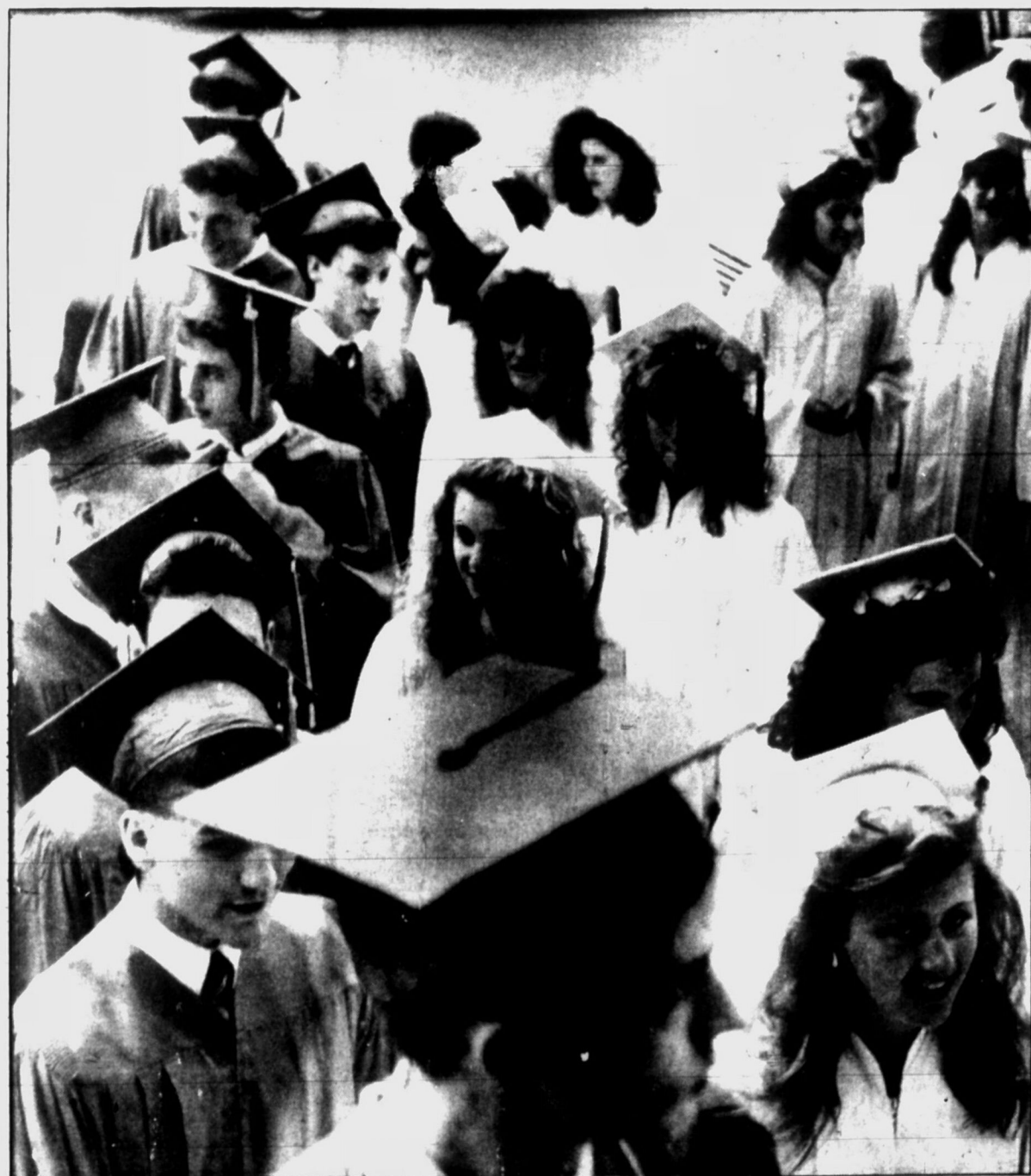
It has been almost 20 years since the United States has been engaged in a full fledged war. Perhaps that has dampened the passion and relevance of the ceremonies to many who have not served in the military nor known friends and relatives killed in action. But to veterans and the bereaved, Memorial Day will always remain a very poignant and special day.

In the American Legion club afterward, some of those people shared their personal feelings about Memorial Day and reflected on its changing face and meaning for America.

John Pompey went to Vietnam in 1969. "It was the last year of real aggression," he said. "We knew that the war was unwinnable and that there would be no happy time to come home to."

"For those that died I feel most sorry, but also most proud because they they had faith in what the nation was doing at the time," said Pompey.

"On my first Memorial Day after I returned," he remembered. (See VETS, page 10A)



Seniors enter St. Agnes Church for the Arlington Catholic High School graduation ceremonies Friday.

(George Ferrar photo)

ACHS has 116 grads

By JAMES BRISCOE
For The Advocate

Friends and relatives strained their necks and clambered onto pews Friday evening in St. Agnes Church for an unobstructed photo opportunity of Arlington Catholic High School's graduating class of 1989 as they marched towards the altar.

The seniors, clad in white and blue robes, entered the church in mixed pairs as Nick Francese belted out the traditionally majestic "Pomp and Circumstance" on his trumpet from the organ balcony above.

The audience in the packed church tried their best to distract the proud seniors with much cordial shouting and waving. The students found it extremely difficult to suppress their smiles, but with their eyes fixed firmly upon their objective, they maintained their composure and assumed their positions at the front of the church.

Senior Class President Gina Picone welcomed the students and audience to the 26th graduation ceremony in Arlington Catholic's history.

Mass was said and then the commencement address was given by alumnae Michael T. Foley, M.D., of the class of '68. Dr. Foley is the Attendant of Internal Medicine at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton.

Foley first asked Sr. Catherine Clifford to forgive him for raiding the nuns' cafeteria refrigerator after basketball practice and then told the 116 members of the graduating class, "This moment belongs to you, savor it as long as you can."

(See GRADS, page 4A)

McCarthy poised for challenge at AHS helm

By P.L. BUSTAMANTE
Advocate Assistant Editor

Two weeks ago the Arlington School Committee chose to hire Charles J. McCarthy Jr. as the new principal of Arlington High School. For the next year, Arlington and McCarthy will have no choice but to get to know each other well.

A 22 year veteran of the education business, McCarthy's no nonsense approach to discipline and his initial impression were interpreted by some as rigid, others, as Superintendent Walter Devine said, described McCarthy as energetic and enthusiastic, with high moral standards.

McCarthy, a 45-year-old, medium-sized man with thick, gray-flecked dark hair, and glasses, will be new to Arlington but not new to this area.

Currently a Bedford resident, McCarthy, grew up in South Boston and Dorchester. He earned both his bachelor's and master's degrees at



Charles McCarthy

(Photo courtesy of The Peabody Times)

Boston College

He also spent 16 years in the Watertown school system (as, variously, English teacher, assistant (See MCCARTHY, page 4A)

Fate of 70 teachers still hangs in the balance

Two weeks after the end of Town Meeting the fate of close to 70 RIFFED Arlington teachers is still being discussed. Some still remain on the RIF list, while others are slated to be recalled, some for full and some for part-time positions.

Nothing is settled. Nor will it be until at least the June 13 meeting of the School Committee.

"The cake is not baked," said Assistant Superintendent Joanne Gurry. "Everyone on the (recalled) list will be recalled to the best of our knowledge, but everything is not settled by a long shot."

Though some teachers may be recalled, school officials must go

through a painstaking revue of contractual obligations and formulas before a final list is resolved.

"We will get it right, but it is a slow and painstaking process," Gurry said. "We are trying to live up to our duties to the teachers and to the public."

The following list of RIFFED teachers is complete, but it is not final as to teacher status. It does include status, as of Tuesday, May 30, of those teachers who will possibly or most likely be recalled to full or part-time positions.

The following tenured teachers have been recalled: Shari Ghitel. (See TEACHERS, page 4A)



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The lack of rain and snow combined with overuse of water has left the Quabbin Reservoir at a lower level than it has been in 15 years. Besides the current 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. water ban, Governor has proclaimed June 4 to 10 "Water Conservation Week."

Other ways of conserving water and avoiding a larger crisis during the current drought are outlined in a number of brochures now available. Conservation measures include:

- Fix leaky faucets. A slow drip will waste 75 gallons per week, a fast drip, 200 gallons per week, and a steady stream, 1000 gallons per week.
- Turn off the tap while brushing your teeth or shaving — save four to 10 gallons a day.
- Never use your toilet as a waste basket — save three to seven gallons per flush.
- Don't take marathon showers (five minutes is enough to get you clean) — save three to seven gallons per minute.
- Close your tub drain before turning on the water — save three gallons.
- Fill your tub only halfway — save five gallons or more.
- Fill your sink or a basin when washing and rinsing dishes — save eight to 15 gallons per day.
- Run your dishwasher only when full — save 15 gallons per load.
- Run your garbage disposal only when necessary — save two to seven gallons per minute.
- Run the washing machine only when full or adjust the water level setting carefully. Washing machines use 30 to 50 gallons per load — save one to two loads per week.
- Be sure lawn sprinklers water only your lawn, not the pavement.
- Never water on a windy, rainy, or very hot day.
- Plant less grass. Shrubs and ground cover require less maintenance, less water and provide year-round greenery.
- Apply mulch around flowers, shrubs, vegetables, and trees to reduce evaporation, promote plant growth and weed control.
- Be sure your hose has a shut-off nozzle. Hoses without a nozzle can spout 10 gallons or more per minute.
- When washing your car, wet it quickly, turn off the spray, then wash it with soapy water from a bucket, and then rinse it quickly.
- Never use the hose to clean debris off your driveway or sidewalk. Use a broom.
- Wash other items, such as bicycles or trash cans, on the lawn to give your grass an extra drink.

For other water conservation tips, call 242-SAVE.

LIBRARY NEWS

Scout slide show planned

A summer camp slide show will be presented in the rear of the Robbins Library Art and Music Department on Monday Evening, June 5, at 7:30 a.m. Featured will be scene of the various Girl Scout day and residential camps in Massachusetts and New Hampshire that are available to Arlington girls. It is not necessary to be a Girl Scout to attend the slide show.

'Cruel Sea' shown at Fox

The movie "The Cruel Sea" will be shown at the Fox Branch Library this Friday, June 2, at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Based on the novel by Nicholas Monsarrat, it tells the story of two ships and their crews, battling the weather and German U-boats in the North Atlantic during World War II. It stars Jack Hawkins, Stanley Baker and Virginia McKenna. It's free.

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Pair to pay schools \$7,000

The two principals of Citizens Against Drunk Driving (C.A.D.D.) who faced contempt of court charges, have agreed to pay the Commonwealth \$15,000 in civil penalties and contribute \$7,000 to seven public school systems, including Arlington's, Attorney General James M. Shannon announced today.

Jeffrey Young and Matthew Pinkham, both of Rockland, were sued by Shannon in November of 1988 for violating the Massachusetts Charitable Solicitation Act by misrepresenting their for-profit organization to contributors, in Arlington and other towns. The two men were sued again in January for failing to honor a preliminary injunction Shannon had won that prevented further violation.

The defendants are the principals of a for-profit fund-raising company, Loram Marketing Inc., which was soliciting contributions throughout Massachusetts in late 1988. Shannon's original complaint alleged that the defendants and their employees represented C.A.D.D. as a charitable organization with the well-known Mothers Against Drunk Drivers (M.A.D.D.) and Students Against Drunk Drivers (S.A.D.D.) when in fact, there was no relationship. C.A.D.D. also claimed it sponsored educational programs on drunk driving for young people when it had, in fact, offered no such programs.

In the court judgment entered by Suffolk Superior court Justice Albert Tuttle, the defendants agreed to pay civil penalties of \$15,000 to the

Commonwealth and \$1,000 each to public school systems in those communities the defendants had heavily solicited. The seven communities receiving money for educational programs to combat drunk driving are Arlington, Brookline, Cambridge, Newton, Watertown, Belmont, and Somerville.

"Individuals who solicit money in the name of charity must be held to the highest level of scrutiny and accountability," Shannon said. "When they violate this public trust, they serve to undermine the public's willingness to respond to genuine and truly deserving charitable causes such as M.A.D.D. and S.A.D.D. These organizations have made an enormous contribution in educating the public about dangers of drunk driving. Their efforts should not be undermined by the kind of abuse today's judgment addressed."

As required by the preliminary injunction obtained earlier in the case, the defendants have also published a book containing articles related to drunk driving and advertisements from businesses which

were solicited to support the educational brochure. The book will be distributed to public locations in the geographic areas where the solicitations took place and to all businesses which placed advertisements.

The court judgment also requires Pinkham and Young to register annually with the Attorney General's Office and bars them from soliciting for any charity that is not properly registered. The order further enjoins the defendants from making any misrepresentations during the course of their solicitations, and requires them to provide written records of their activities to the Division of Public Charities of the Attorney General's Office at least every two months, and more frequently if the Attorney General deems it necessary.

Should the defendants fail to comply with all of the terms of the judgment, they are subject to a \$10,000 penalty for each instance of contempt.

Handling the case for Shannon are Assistant Attorneys General Gwen O'Sullivan and Lawrence J. McCarthy of the Public Charities Division.

Panel has advice on Symmes

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pletely new management system," Collins said. "You can't do it as Choate is now set up."

Choate-Symmes has suffered fiscal troubles since January, when the state withheld nearly \$37 million in medical reimbursements promised to statewide hospitals under the Uni-

versal Health Care (UHC) bill. Choate-Symmes projects an operating loss of \$1.75 million for the current fiscal year, of which \$650,000 would have been made up by UHC funds.

Both the committee and Choate-Symmes must submit their reports to the state Hospital Conversion Board by June 5.

Branch libraries face pruning

By DAVID P. HAMILTON
Special to the Advocate

Budget troubles have already forced Library Director Maryellen Remmert-Loud to order the closing of the Vittoria Dallin branch library in Arlington Heights, but if voters do not approve an override of Proposition 2½ property tax limits in a special election on June 10, Arlington may lose both of its branch libraries.

In the absence of an override, cuts in the library budget will require the closing of the Edith Fox branch in East Arlington, with an attendant loss of children's and seniors' programs, according to the director. The libraries are scheduled to close on July 1, the first day of the town's new fiscal year.

"It was not a decision that I made easily," Remmert-Loud said. Since the passage of Proposition 2½ in 1980, library budget cuts have most heavily affected Robbins Library in Arlington Center, she continued. In recent years, Remmert-Loud, Town Manager Donald Marquis, and the library Board of Trustees have decided to strengthen the main library, even if at the expense of the branch libraries.

Dallin, which currently holds around 10,000 volumes, is the smallest of the three libraries. Founded in 1938 at the insistence of the socially active Vittoria Dallin, the library celebrated its 50th anniversary last year, the irony of which was not lost on children's librarian Paige Lindsey.

"It's a part of the Heights now," she said. "We have a lot of loyal

friends here."

In addition to the convenience its location provides for many Arlington senior citizens, Dallin possesses a basement meeting room which has proven useful for the children's story hour and toddler programs. Although Remmert-Loud said that existing children's and seniors' programs at Robbins will be expanded to meet the demand created by closing one or both branch libraries, the scarcity of rooms isolated from the "quiet" library space may limit the extent to which the main library can take up the slack.

Fox Library is larger, with 20,000 to 30,000 volumes, but branch librarian Joan Caterino says its "community center" appeal will be the greatest loss if the library closes. "We have senior citizens coming in here to read the morning paper after making the rounds on Mass Ave.," she said. "Our Friday movies are also very popular. Those old classics just don't look the same on videotape."

In addition to the children's programs, which are common to all three libraries, Fox holds a monthly program for the elderly, providing cultural information and musical entertainment. The town recreational department also uses one of Fox's two public meeting rooms for monthly senior-citizen events.

Current plans call for installing security systems in closing branch buildings in order to preserve them until renovations, which may begin as soon as May of next year, are completed at Robbins. Since construction is likely to leave Robbins closed at some point during the renovations, the "mothballed" buildings may be used in the interim.

The volumes from closed branch libraries will for the most part go into storage, since the shelves at Robbins are already crowded. "For every new book we purchase, we have to take an old one away," Remmert-Loud said.

Branch library staff will fare better, partly because workers can be moved into positions "frozen" by budget cuts and partly because part-time staff hours at Robbins can be trimmed to compensate for additional workers. Only one-half of a custodial position shared between the three libraries will be eliminated as a result of either closing.

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Data processing job can be filled

Selectmen voted last week to allow Comptroller Al Minervini to begin the process of filling the director of data processing job, vacated last week by Francis G. Healy.

Healey had left the job because of a salary dispute with selectmen and other factors.

Selectmen had discussed not filling the job or at least leaving the position open until the board could review whether a director of data

processing is needed.

The board voted unanimously last week to allow the job to be advertised and for Minervini to begin the hiring process.

Minervini had made a plea to the selectmen three weeks ago, asking that the position not be left vacant for long because work would pile up. The data processing department handles most of the computer work for town projects.

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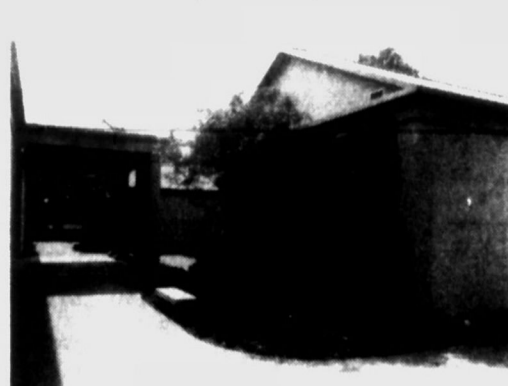
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McCarthy poised for the challenges of AHS

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principal, junior high school principal and senior high school housemaster) before stepping in as the principal of Peabody Veterans Memorial High School six years ago. Now as Peabody students are preparing to say good-bye to McCarthy, he is getting ready to greet Arlington.

July 1 is the starting date on the contract, but McCarthy says he probably won't be in Arlington until July 10 or 11 because of contractual obligations in Peabody, where he will have to "button things up" after seeing this year's senior class through graduation.

McCarthy is not waiting for the last minute to prepare for his new duties in Arlington, though. Last week he obtained copies of teacher contracts, school budgets, curriculum schedules and policy handbooks.

According to Devine, McCarthy was the only one of the candidates who, while still in the application process, asked for Arlington High School's master plan.

When he does finally arrive in Arlington, after spending some half days here during June, McCarthy said he would first familiarize himself with the master program, the new computer system, and the building itself.

"I will probably just say 'give me the keys' and I'll get lost in the building for a couple of days," he said.

Computers, curriculum, and buildings may be fine, but School Committee members were concerned about McCarthy's ability to deal with parents and staff.

McCarthy, however, says he plans to talk with individual department heads (those who are available during the summer) and get to know staff as the first priority, and also visit each teacher's classroom at least once during the first year.

"I want to get a lot of feedback," he said. "The goal for the first year is to familiarize myself."

School Committee member Janice Baken noted in her criticism of McCarthy that he failed to establish a functioning parent group at Peabody Veterans Memorial High School. McCarthy also went to work every day last year during a teachers' strike in Peabody. According to a Peabody Times article, he said he did it out of duty, not pleasure.

If those moves created disruption that is not McCarthy's intention. He says he does not want to change things, unless, of course, they need to be changed.

"The question I will ask most often will be, 'How are you doing things?'" McCarthy said. "I am not interested in changing things if they

Schoolteachers' fate is still hanging in balance

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man, physical education, high school; Janet Anderson, outdoor education/science, elementary school; Phyllis Watson, social studies, high school (temporary transfer from art); Lorraine Freeman, grade four, Peirce School (temporary transfer from math).

- The following tenured teachers will be recalled to full or part-time positions: Leslie Kilgore, drama, Gibbs Junior High School; Helene Tassone, music, junior high school; Marcia Llewellyn, foreign language, Ottonson Junior High School; Carmen Merullo, foreign language, Ottonson school; Lorraine Breithaupt, Latin, Ottonson school; Rita DeBellis, Latin, Gibbs school; Frank Tassone, social studies, high school; Donald Sandrelli, business education, high school.
- The following will be recalled as a tie-breaker process is resolved. The tie-breaker process is determined by a specific contractual formula based on experience and other work-related factors: Rose Marie Gioiosa, English, high school; Madeline Brick, English, high school; Nancy

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Arlington Catholic has 116 grads

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Foley then paid tribute to the parents of the students who are, he said, "The fabric that is Arlington Catholic."

"Something wonderful is going on here at Arlington Catholic," said Foley. "At a time when most schools are contracting, we are expanding, both in terms of classes and students." The class of '93 will number 214 students and will be the largest in the school's history, said Foley.

He paid special tribute to the 1988-89 sports campaign of Arlington Catholic, which placed six teams in championship competitions.

Foley stressed to seniors the importance of lining up their goals now and having the confidence to pursue them. He told them that, with the education they had received at Arlington Catholic, they were well armed to compete in the world today.

"You belong to a small, young, and exciting family whose oldest graduates are merely 44 and whose previous record is outstanding," he said.

Foley also spoke briefly upon the major social problems that face the younger generation today such as pollution, hunger, drug addiction and mounting budget deficits.

The doctor ended his speech by quoting the former Yankee catcher Yogi Berra, "It's like deja-vu all over again."

Afterwards, Sr. Clifford presented the members of the Class of 1989, who were then awarded their diplomas amid shouts and flashbulbs. Sr. Clifford told them to "bear fruit, be kind, non-discriminatory, don't settle for second best, act humbly, and walk with your God." They stood together one last time upon the



At the Arlington Catholic High School graduation at St. Agnes are, from left, Rev. Harold Williamson, Msgr. John Lennehan and Rev. Jerry Gillespie.

George Ferrar photo

altar steps before marching out.

Outside on the church steps, the celebration continued as the graduates, appearing both dazed and excited, congratulated each other and were reunited with parents and friends.

Graduates Noelle Colpitts, who will attend Bentley College, and Ellen Palmel, who will attend Framingham State, hugged.

Each gave her views on the past four years. Said Noelle, "It was great. I can't believe how the years flew by, but the best is yet to come."

Ellen said, "It was a great experience. I'm both sad and happy."

Graduate Rich McDonald said, "It was kind of unbelievable. Now, I'm going on to hurdle new challenges at Suffolk University in the fall."

Tracy Lavoie '91, after seeing boyfriend Patrick Sullivan graduate, said, "I'm happy for him, but sad at the same time since he'll be going away."

Graduate Scott McFarland said, "It was an emotional moment, but now it is time to move on to new encounters and new endeavors."

Scott's friends said, "Look for him in LA."

Students judge Heart Healthy cooking contest

By JOHN GHANOTAKIS
For The Advocate

Realizing the need for healthier lunches that will help reduce the risks of heart disease among school-age children, the Arlington school system recently hosted the Second Annual Heart Healthy School Lunch Recipe Contest Cook-Off.

The contest included parents, teachers and just about anyone who wanted to enter a recipe for a main dish, bread, or dessert that is nutritional, substantial, helps to reduce the risk of heart disease, and could be served as lunch for students.

From the recipes entered, three

main dishes, two breads, and five desserts were selected for the final judging which was held in the teachers' cafeteria of Arlington High School Wednesday, May 24.

The judges were Dr. William Castelli (head of the long-term Framingham study from which much of our current knowledge of heart and cancer risks have emerged) and a number of other distinguished individuals involved in nutrition in some way.

The most important members of the judging panel, however, were those who would be directly affected by the outcome, the students. The

student judges ranged from elementary to high school level and came from Arlington and other school systems.

All judges were given a rating sheet comprised of three categories (taste, appearance, and texture) and asked to rate each food according to preference.

The main dishes were turkey, Spanish rice, and sloppy Joes; the breads were oatmeal and harvest; and the desserts were oatmeal cake, oatmeal-raisin cake, ginger snap cookies, peach pie, and chocolate cake.

When all the judges had completed

their tasting and rating, the results were plugged into a computer and the preferred main dish, bread, and dessert were calculated.

Each first-place winner was awarded \$500, and each second-place winner was awarded \$100.

"It was fun being a judge, and I liked tasting the foods, especially the oatmeal cookies," said Alex Lelless, a third grader at the Thompson School.

Both Maura McCarthy and Liz Elliott of the Gibbs Junior High School agreed that most of the food was good and that "it tasted better than the school lunch we have now."

"Five years ago I was asked to set up a program to help reduce the risks of heart disease in our young children, and after two years, I began speaking and planning with the food directors of different school systems. This contest is a product of all our research and planning," said Dr. Curt Ellison, Professor of Medicine at Boston University, who established the Heart Healthy Cook-Off. "One step at a time is my intention. Even if we change the diet of school lunches a little every year or two, then there is some progress and our youths are that much healthier," he added.

The judges and all those involved with the contest were treated to a welcome from the "A" squad of the Arlington cheerleaders under the direction of Pauline Finberg, who wrote the welcoming cheer.

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Arlington residents Sophomore Shannon Rings, left, and classmate Rebecca Bradley sample Spanish food in class at the Lexington Christian Academy recently. (George C. Ferrar photo)

Symmes volunteers are recognized

The Museum of Our National Heritage in Lexington was recently the setting for the eighth Volunteer Recognition ceremony of Choate-Symmes Hospital Health Services. Twenty-three Arlington residents received pins from the organization for their service to Symmes Hospital.

The event is held annually to recognize the invaluable contributions of the volunteers, who play a vital role in the day-to-day operation of the hospitals.

Receiving the pin for the highest number of hours was Arlington resident Sidney Gerrold. She has accumulated more than 10,000 hours dur-

ing the course of her volunteer "career" at Symmes. Only one other volunteer in the organization has reached this level.

The other Arlington residents honored this year were Louise Caliendo, and Betty Chase for 4,500 hours; David Davidson, 4,000 hours; Irma Ciano, and Alice Parenti, 2,500 hours; Barbara Clanin, Tony Cravott and Esther Hughes, 2,000 hours.

Also, Connie Heath and Carolyn Sullivan, 1,500 hours; Dennis Clanin, Marjorie Gardiner, Doris Hibbard and Yoli Santospirito, 1,000 hours.

Receiving pins for 500 hours were Anne Donovan, Ellen Nichols, Barbara Rohrer, and Florence McGee.

Honored for 100 hours service were: Evelyn Barry, Jean Borthwick, Dorothy Flynn, and Elizabeth Torpey.

In addition, several Arlingtonians were cited for 20 or more years service as volunteers. They are: Charlotte Barnstead, Marge Blackmon, Louise Caliendo, Betty Chase, Irma Ciano, Sidney Gerrold, Jean Kanlian, Avid McDonnell and Eleanor Peters.

Prior to the pin ceremony, volunteers enjoyed dessert and coffee and listened to actress Robin Lane present "Ladies First," a glimpse of history through the portrayal of five First Ladies.

Educators' group honors Sen. Kraus

Senator Richard A. Kraus (D-Arlington) was the recipient of the Edward W. Koskella award for Outstanding Leadership and Contribution to Education presented by the Massachusetts Elementary School Principals' Association at a ceremony in Hyannis, Massachusetts. The award is given annually to

someone who demonstrates exceptional commitment and contribution to the field of public education.

Senator Kraus has been a long time supporter of public education and is the former Senate Chair of the Joint Committee on Education. Senator Kraus is the sponsor of several bills which would increase fund-

ing and improve programing for public education.

"I am honored to receive this award," said Senator Kraus. "The future of our Commonwealth depends upon the young people of today. I will continue to work hard to ensure that they receive the best education possible."

Town of Arlington



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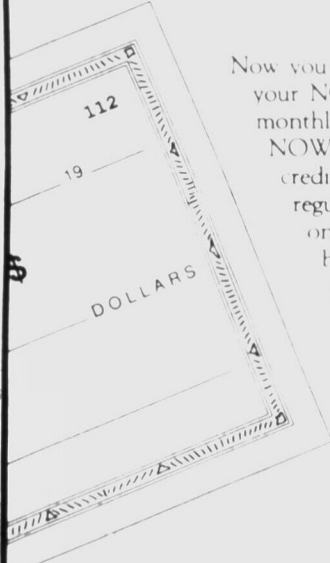
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by Christine Rabinowitz, MA, CCC-A

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GUEST COLUMN

Arlington's recycling options

By CAROL WEISS
Special to The Advocate

As many of you are aware, there is a growing group of citizens in Arlington who are concerned about the future of our waste management system. Perhaps a good place to begin would be to look at what Arlington is currently doing with its trash, and what options it has tried in its past. (The League of Women Voters would like to gratefully thank Richard Bowler, head of Arlington's Department of Public Works, for his assistance in providing information for the article.)

Currently, Arlington is burning all trash generated at a trash-and-burn facility run by Resource Recovery in North Andover. According to Bowler, the town of Arlington likes to think that all of its trash is being recycled, as the burning of the waste is used to generate electricity.

Arlington became involved with Resource Recovery several years ago, when 22 towns and cities in the New England area formed an association known as NEWSC, whose sole purpose was to work together to build a \$200-million plant to turn rubbish into energy. Previously, the towns in the Boston area had only worked alone in confronting the mounting problem of trash collec-

tion, and the fact that these 22 towns were able to work together successfully was considered a real accomplishment.

The cost to Arlington to collect, transfer, and burn its rubbish approaches \$2,800,000 annually. More than 28,000 tons of trash is generated a year, at a cost of \$60/ton just for the use of the Andover facility. The amount of trash generated has been increasing every year, largely as a result of increased paper and plastics used in packaging. In addition, just a 10-percent reduction in our trash flow would result in 2,000 fewer tons of trash being generated — allowing for a significant savings (\$120,000) on Arlington's already tight budget!

In addition, the town recycles all of the "white" items it collects — refrigerators, washers, freezers, etc. These items are separated and taken to local junk yards for recycling.

Arlington has in the past, however, experimented with other recycling programs. Several years ago, the town did have a newspaper recycling program. A newspaper container was made available, and proceeds from the sale of the papers collected was given to the Parks Department and used to purchase equipment — swings, playground equipment, etc. Unfortunately, with the drastic decline in the price of newspaper in the secondary market in the early 1980s, it no longer was financially feasible for the town to continue this program, and it was allowed to lapse.

In addition, the town used to have a separate collection for autumn leaves, with the leaves being composted and finally sold to local citizens as loam or lawn fertilizer. Unfortunately, it takes three to five years for the leaves to fully break

down and turn into fertilizer, a time period which has proven a hindrance to many towns that would like to turn to composting as a way of reducing trash disposal for its leaves. In addition, the town no longer has a site available for such composting.

If this is what Arlington is currently doing, and what it has done in the past, what are its options for the future?

Currently, the town is investigating whether it can join forces with several other towns and begin some sort of recycling program. If the town can prove that it is indeed recycling its waste, it can be excused from its contract obligation at the Andover facility. However, the town would need to deal with the fact that, if mandatory recycling were instituted, the open market for glass and newspapers would become even more flooded with material, reducing the price paid significantly. The town would need to examine the price/benefit ratio of any alternative presented.

In addition, Bowler is searching for a site in which to compost leaves. Because of the lack of available land in this area, though, he has not been successful so far in this endeavor.

Finally, Bowler also believes that united action on the part of the citizens of Arlington could significantly reduce the amount of trash generated, particularly in the area of packaging. If even a small dent could be made in the amount of trash generated, the town would realize significant savings.

Given the clamor for financial resources from other Arlington departments, such as the schools, police and fire departments, any savings would be gladly welcomed.

(Carol Weiss is a member of the Arlington League of Women Voters.)

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POLICE LOG

Arrests

On May 22, a Trowbridge Street man aged 18 and a Cambridge man aged 23 were arrested for drinking in public at Waldo Park.

On May 24, a 27-year-old man was arrested for trespassing at his mother's Bartlett Avenue home and was later found to be in possession of a syringe and various drugs, police alleged.

A Forest Street woman, aged 39, was arrested May 24 on Mass. Avenue on Lexington and Arlington warrants for larceny by check. She had been stopped by police for motor vehicle violations.

On May 25, a 33-year-old Winchester man was arrested on Mass. Avenue for illegal possession of marijuana. He was arrested while attempting to pass the drugs to three Arlington youths.

An Everett woman aged 37 was arrested by Melrose police May 25 on an Arlington warrant for knowingly being present where heroin was being kept.

Also on May 25, an Old Colony Lane man aged 60 was arrested at his home and charged with assault and battery on the woman he was living with at that address.

On May 26, a 42-year-old Dorchester man was arrested by U. Mass. Boston police on a violation of probation Arlington warrant.

A Mattapan man aged 24 was arrested May 26 by Braintree police on an Arlington warrant for larceny of a motor vehicle and possession of burglarious tools.

An Old Mystic Street man aged 19 was arrested May 26 for trespassing and disorderly conduct at Bishop Elementary School lot. He was part of a gang throwing rocks at a passing cruiser.

On May 27, a 29-year-old Winchester man was arrested by Cambridge police on an Arlington violation of probation warrant.

On May 28, a Quincy Street man aged 28 was arrested for operating a motor vehicle after suspension.

Break-ins

On May 23, a North Street woman reported to police that unknown persons entered her home at 12:38 a.m., but were frightened off by the victims' screams before anything could be taken.

On May 26, a Henderson Street woman told police that a VCR and some jewelry was taken from her home.

On May 27, a Morningside Drive woman reported an attempted break-in which occurred while the residents were away.

On May 28, a Summer Street woman said that a white male in his

late 20's with brown hair and a mustache entered her home. There were no signs of forced entry.

Larcenies

On May 22, a Mass. Avenue woman told police that a contractor reclaimed materials which he installed in her lobby after no payment was made for the work.

A Newcomb Street woman said May 22 that she left a \$600 gold bracelet in the ladies room at the restaurant of Sons of Italy.

A Medford Street woman reported to police May 22 that an unknown persons had smashed the driver's side window of her 1980 Pontiac.

Also on May 22, a Freemont Street boy had his Haro-BMX bicycle stolen. The bike is blue with chrome trim and is worth \$500.

On May 23, Time Oldsmobile on Mass. Avenue reported that four tires were missing from an unregistered 1989 Oldsmobile Cutlass Station Wagon.

A Prentiss Road man told police that at 11:30 a.m. on May 23, a white male in his 20's, approximately 5'11" in height, weighing 170 pounds, with long black curly hair, and wearing a white T-shirt entered his home by a fire escape and stole \$20 cash from his wallet.

Also on May 23, a Broadway man said he could not find his brown leather wallet containing \$90 cash.

On May 25, a Mystic Street woman reported that a US flag valued at \$10 was stolen from her home during the night.

A Mass. Avenue man found May 25 that a set of weights, dumbbells, a curl bar, and bench press were taken without his consent from his basement.

On May 26, a Berkeley Street man found the passenger window of his 1981 Peugeot sedan smashed and his Cobra radar detector worth \$70 stolen.

An Orient Avenue woman May 26 discovered the side window of her 1980 Chevrolet open and a radar detector and various tapes worth in total \$450 missing.

On May 27, Game Master on Mass. Avenue told police that \$250 cash had been taken taken from the register without authorization.

A Freeman Street man had a set of rear light blackouts total retail price \$70 stolen from his 1987 Chevrolet while it was parked on Wildwood Avenue on May 27.

A Mary Street man reported that a 10-speed Parliament man's bicycle worth \$100 had been stolen from him on May 24.

Also on May 27, an Ottawa Road man said that the left rear window of his 1987 Volkswagon had been

damaged and an attempt made to steal his radio.

On May 28, Christy's on Mass. Avenue reported that an unknown number of cigarette cartons had been taken from the back room.

A Mill Street woman told police May 28 that \$70 cash had been taken from her apartment by a 20-year-old white female.

On May 29, the home of an elderly Drake Road woman was burglarized, said police, at 1:30 p.m. by a black-haired, white female who wore a white top and shorts. An empty maroon pocketbook and a jar of pennies were the only items taken.

Another elderly Drake Road woman also on May 29, said that two diamond rings worth \$950 had been stolen from her apartment by two white females at 6:00 p.m.

A Team Murray bicycle was stolen from a Kensington Park man May 29, police said.

Vandalism

On May 22, a Brooks Avenue man reported that four feet of chain link fence had been broken overnight.

A Freemont Street woman May 22 had the rear window of her 1982 Dodge smashed.

A Shawnee Road woman said May 22, that unknown persons driving a green truck struck the fence of a Bonad Road woman.

Also on May 22, Coin Op Laundry on Mass. Avenue told police that a dryer door had been vandalized.

On May 24, a Hillside Avenue man had the left front window of his 1989 Mercedes smashed, said police.

On May 27, a Mount Vernon Street man reported that the right fender of his 1988 Honda had been dented.

A Webster Street man told police May 27 that two 2x2 windows and screens had been broken by rocks.

Also on May 27, a Waldo Road man said that a BB had been shot through his window.

On May 28, a Freemont Street found the front window of his 1989 Mercedes damaged.

On May 29, an Exeter Street woman had turpentine poured onto the exterior of her 1988 Chevrolet.

Miscellaneous

On May 23, a Woburn man was bitten on the left hand by a University Road dog. He was treated at Symmes Hospital.

An 84-year-old Wyman Terrace woman was found May 23 by her family on the floor of her house with burns to 80 percent of her body. She had been preparing her breakfast when the accident happened. She was taken to Mass. General Hospital for treatment.

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MAN ABOUT TOWN

BY MAT



It's summertime in Arling-town

Under beautiful skies and with warm breezes blowing, Arlington remembered its war dead and those residents who served our country over the years. One of the spots in town is Mount Pleasant Cemetery in the springtime when its in full bloom. And it probably never looked better than this Monday with the full colors and honor guards.

Congratulations of the week go out to Daniel M. Synan Jr. who will be elevated to Eagle Scout this Friday at the St. Paul Lutheran Church. As his Eagle Scout project, Synan of Troop 368 of the Boy Scouts of America collected 2½ tons, that's 5,000 pounds, of toys this past holiday season for the U.S. Marine Corps "Toys of Tots" program.

From the Reader's Digest—

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing this letter,

Quite frankly, to say

I abhorred the column

You wrote yesterday

It was weak and insipid

And words synonymous

In short, it lacked courage

Yours truly, Anonymous.

One way to check to see if those who called 646-1000 to tell the town they had watched the Board of Selectmen's meeting last Thursday night had actually watched the broadcast would have been to see if they remarked on the transmission quality. We don't know about town hall, but since we told people to not only call but watch the show, The Advocate received a batch of calls telling us about the poor picture reception. If you watch regularly call the selectmen's office, they'd like to know, anyway.

In the "For Your Information" Department: As of early last week, Inga Pinciak had logged 62 days — or 312 hours — in her quest to have the lights in Arlington Center changed.

Double Feature — the Regent Theatre opened its doors Friday with the showing of "Rain Man". The Capitol Theatre, whose owners used to manage the Regent Theatre before leaving after a three-fold rent increase, opened "Rain Man" at their East Arlington theater late last week. Thank goodness for a wide movie selection.

Don't forget to get out and vote on June 10 in the override election. There's only one way to register your opinion — in the voting booth. For those of you might like to travel on the June 10 weekend, you can go to the clerk's office any day this week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Next week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and vote before election day. Your ballot will be counted on June 10 after the polls close.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, June 6:

Minuteman Regional Technical High School School Committee, 7:30 p.m., 758 Marrett Road, Lexington.
Park and Recreation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Veteran's Memorial Sports Center, Recreation Office, 422 Summer St.

Wednesday, June 7:

Redevelopment Board, 7 p.m., (Gibbs Junior High School tenant hearings,) hearing room, second floor, town hall.

Thursday, June 8:

Town Day Committee, 3 p.m., hearing room, second floor, town hall.

Monday, June 12:

Board of Selectmen, 7:15 p.m., board meeting room, second floor, town hall.

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Senior exodus?



With cutbacks looming at the Arlington Senior Center, some seniors may be looking around for new spots to spend time together.

GUEST COLUMN

Reinvest in Arlington with override

By RICHARD H. BOWLER
Special to The Advocate

In the spring of 1981, The Advocate reported a story on my very first meeting with the Board of Selectmen as the director of the Public Works Department. The meeting was called to discuss the next fiscal year's budget and to outline what the future trends would be for the department under the newly enacted Proposition 2½.

At that time I told the board that I felt the new law would cause a disinvestment in Arlington's infrastructure. And that, unless other funding sources were made available to the department, the department would be severely curtailed in its delivery of services over the next five years; and the department would be near nonexistent at the end of a 10-year period.

During these last eight years, the department has been able to survive and to maintain a creditable level of services. This I believe is due in part

to additional state aid, and advances in new and innovative management techniques. Both of which were necessary to offset severe budget and personnel cutbacks.

Nevertheless, the 10-year timetable appears to be a reality. At this point in Arlington's history, there seems to be more at stake than just my department. It really has to do with what Arlington was — what Arlington is — and what Arlington will become.

The founders of our area, the very first settlers of Monotony, brought with them from Europe to the New World a desire for freedom, a love for the concept of community, and a hope for the future — a future in which their children would have a better, fuller life.

Throughout man's history, communities coming together have always made the critical choices of a society. Decisions which would determine if in fact a community would survive and if it could live to

its fullest, its promise.

At the time of the Exodus, a community set out, out of darkness in search for the light of freedom and a new and more abundant life for its descendants.

In 1775 our community Menotomy had to decide what action it was to take in order to fulfill its desire and hope for a fuller existence.

In the 1860s, our state and our neighboring states had a choice to say: "No to Slavery"; regardless of the heavy cost of human life and sacrifice that they knew would be involved.

Toward the end of the "Great Depression", I can remember as a child walking from Park Street to the Crosby School with my mother and my brothers to stand in a very long line. A long line at the end of which we would receive milk, bread and other staples of life. The town of Arlington shared what little it had with all of its citizens who had less.

These examples may seem dra-

matic when we speak today of Arlington's present and future fiscal problems. Perhaps so, but I believe Arlington is indeed at a crossroad, an intersection in our history similar to those intersections in all of man's endeavors, a time where we must determine in what direction we will travel.

That choice, whatever it may be, will ultimately affect the quality of life in Arlington, the quality of life for us and for those who will follow us.

I believe there is a need to raise up a public that will come together as a community and reinvest in our town.

A verse from Psalm No. 90 seems to sum up my thoughts. Psalm No. 90 calls for a people to: "show forth your works and let your light shine about your children."

Richard H. Bowler is director of Arlington's Department of Public Works.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Town has gone after grant money

TO THE EDITOR:

The Arlington Advocate has had a number of comments in recent months dealing with public improvements in Arlington and, particularly, Arlington Center. Residents of Arlington are no different from those of other towns and will disagree about the way sidewalks, medians, traffic signals, and other similar public improvements are constructed in their towns. I think that kind of debate is healthy. However, I am concerned about comments alleging that these projects waste taxpayers' money and that State and local grant funds are taxpayers' money as well.

The Board of Selectmen, Town Manager, Redevelopment Board, Park and Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Conservation Commission, School Committee, Department of Public Works, the Housing Authority and the Town Meeting, among others, have all applied for and received State and Federal grants. These grants are funded by taxpayers' dollars and, although none of us likes to be taxed, the Town of Arlington cannot change State and Federal tax laws. Therefore, the alternative followed by the town has been to try and bring as many of those dollars to Arlington so that we do not have to pay for improvements with local tax dollars.

Each year the Town Meeting authorizes the Board of Selectmen and the Town Manager to apply for State and Federal grants; and boards and commissions under the Selectmen and the Town Manager carry out that mandate. Through the guidance of the Town Manager and the Board of Selectmen, Arlington has obtained approximately \$70 million of State and Federal grants during the last fifteen years. Those grants have permitted the Town to acquire open space, build the finest multipurpose senior center in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, rehabilitate major portions of our

water and sewer system, upgrade all of our parks and playgrounds, renovate the historic grandstand at Spy Pond Field, rebuild the Town yard, build a new Community Safety Building, build two new elderly housing complexes, rehabilitate the historic Whittemore-Robbins House and portions of the Town Hall and the Robbins Memorial Library, and improve streets and sidewalks.

Many of these projects have resulted in congestion and inconvenience during their installations; however, the Town has not undertaken needless projects, and it has been through this aggressive, carefully planned program during the last fifteen years that Arlington has been able to maintain its infrastructure. There are over 1200 State and Federal grant programs. Each program is created to deal with a specific problem: grants for housing cannot be used for education; grants for open space cannot be used to house the homeless; grants for water and sewer improvements cannot be used to rebuild streets. Arlington selects its grant applications carefully to deal with specific problems. Failure to apply for grants, receive them and execute them would result in a disservice to the residents of Arlington. In fact, the \$70 million of successful grant applications during the last fifteen years is approximately 12 percent of the total budgets of the town during the same period. This has resulted in a direct savings in the local property tax which would have had to pay for the improvements if no grants had been received.

Alan McClennen, Jr.,
Director of Planning and
Community Development

Superintendent should explain decision

TO THE EDITOR:

It would be much appreciated if Superintendent Walter Devine could more clearly explain the "X-factor" that led to his decision to recommend Charles McCarthy as the new principal of Arlington High School. I

was not the only observer to form the impression that Mr. Charles McCarthy rose to the top of the list based on uncertain and arguable factors, namely: feedback from students who visited his home school, but not the other candidates' schools; his request for an Arlington High School master schedule, a student recognition program which was not Mr. McCarthy's conception; and a new approach to the question of beer mugs as prom favors.

It is fine for the students to report that their visit with Mr. McCarthy was favorable, but without comparable visits with the other candidates, that report cannot be of pivotal importance. The "singular" request for a master schedule also falls short of signifying a clearcut superiority. Mr. McCarthy has stated that one of his strongest points is in scheduling, so it is not an unusual step for him to show interest in the master schedule.

Mr. Joseph Barnes also had expressed a desire to obtain the schedule to look for ways to offer half-year courses. I have heard Mr. McCarthy's explanation of the student recognition program and applaud his role in supporting the faculty member who initiated and developed the idea. I will be very interested to hear how his novel "beer mug" approach relates to our major concerns of academic excellence and staff morale.

The greatest apparent difference between the finalists was in their ability to establish and maintain broad parent involvement in the schools. Both Joan Carr and Joseph Barnes have been successful in that regard and expressed the need and their desire to continue such an effort as an adjunct to encouraging academic excellence. By his own admission, Charles McCarthy has not met with success in this area.

It was also clear that the decision involved a comparison of school size and the four communities involved, but I am not convinced that similar school size should carry more weight than the excellent discipline and absenteeism, meeting the needs of the majority of students, their ability to relate to students, staff and parents, and their methods of encouragement and appreciation of

staff.

Arlington and Peabody were presented as similar communities, but the similarity is more numerical than typical. Where is the Arlington Mall? Where is the Arlington land available for development? Where is the Arlington money available for increasing course offerings and adding teaching positions? Where are the Arlington businesses and industries willing to invest in the school system?

I wish I could be more positive about the superintendent's choice, but I have serious concerns that Mr. McCarthy may not be the best candidate for Arlington. Unfortunately, many of us do not have the luxury of being able to adopt a "Let's wait and see" position because our children will be in the high school in September.

I am left with the feeling that the superintendent and the supporting voters on the School Committee have squandered an opportunity to maintain and elevate the academic and community achievements of Arlington High School, and I will be sincerely thankful for every circumstance in which I will be proved in error.

Lora Lou D. Christensen

Writer responds to response

TO THE EDITOR:

Regarding Janice Bakey's May 25 response to my May 18 letter: Janice Bakey "misrepresented" herself and me.

She seems to believe, judging from past statements, that the School Committee serves as a business/negotiating agent for the teachers. Children are considered as they are related to the issues of tenure and the override.

Ms. Bakey deliberately misinterpreted my reference to a crisis situation. I was referring to an alleged crisis that has been harped upon by town employees looking out for town employees. I am one, among many, who does not agree that there is a crisis.

My numbers (Re: A budget cut of (See LETTERS, page 9A))

COMMENT

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(From page 8A)

\$80,426) were not "misrepresented" or "misinterpreted" (except by Janice Bakey). The numbers I presented are not wrong. They can easily be checked. Ms. Bakey and I simply disagree over their relevance. I can't abide by the notion that any request for money by the school department is reasonable and legitimate because it is the school department. I believe the school budget is sufficient as it is, considering the size of the school population, to maintain a quality system — for the children.

O'Neill keeps saying the town doesn't have a nickel to spare, as though the town is broke. We may not have money for new appropriations during the next fiscal year, but we have over 50 million dollars working for us.

Kenneth C. Marquis
27 Mount Vernon St.
Town Meeting
Precinct 14

be like if you knew that we didn't have a good education.

So don't just think about yourselves now, think of when you were in high school, think about the future, when you will be needing our help, just as much as we need your help now.

I leave you with one note — Please vote for the proposition 2½ override.

Sandra Squeri
Junior at Arlington High School

'Children can make a difference'

TO THE EDITOR:

On May 8 ChildrenADLife had a showing of over 600 children's posters. The artworks are advertisements (public service announcements) for Global and Humanity awareness. Beginning this week, the MBTA Red Line and bus lines will display these P.S.A.'s about pollution and humanities.

Several hundred people attended the opening to view these works. But more importantly, they came to share the children's vision for a cleaner and happier world. All the children, parents and teachers did a wonderful job in creating, encouraging and teaching.

Now the word is out and the children know that they can make a difference in the world.

Special thanks goes out to Deirdre Higgins from Another Place to Grow in Arlington for much of the organizing and encouragement needed to complete the project. Also for food contributions from local establishments for the opening: Quebrada Bakery, So Good Bakery and Papa Gino's. And also musicians Andy Shapiro/Bob Sellon and Ken Shano and Storyteller Laura Pershin for donating their special talents. They were Amazing! I am grateful to all who contributed to this event.

Jyl Kelley
Coordinator of ChildrenADLife Project

Override not supported by all

TO THE EDITOR:

There is soon upon us a Board of Selectmen approved special town-wide referendum to appropriate by a tax on real estate valuations funds for specific use disbursement in fiscal year '90. As anyone who reads newspapers knows, this is called an "override" referendum.

I continue to be astonished — this

Images from our past



On April 19, 1899 the town's fire department showed off the "Eureka" fire apparatus. The parade is shown crossing the intersection of Mystic Street and Mass. Avenue.

(Historical Society photo)

YEARS PAST IN ARLINGTON

Fifty years ago

Rev. Matthew J. Flaherty, pastor of St. Agnes Church, will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood. The parishioners of the church have arranged for a public gathering of all the town's people to be held at the Robbins Memorial Town Hall. There will be addresses by town officials and representatives of various groups in the community, followed by a informal reception.

Twenty-five

Rt. Rev. Oscar R. O'Gorman, pastor of St. Agnes, assisted Cardinal Richard Cushing at the commencement exercises of the first graduating class of Arlington Catholic. Cardinal Cushing emphasized to the 143 students the importance and need of more educational facilities in Massachusetts.

Ten years ago

The League of Women Voters of Arlington at its recent annual meeting elected officers and finalized plans for the League's 1979-1980 program and activities. The League will retain its program positions in conservation and recreation, education, human resources, town government, town planning and transportation and has added a new position on fiscal policy.

Student offers override view

TO THE EDITOR:

As I sit and read the letters on voting against the override, I feel a bitterness toward those people and I pity them.

My main concern is with the school system. How can people sit back, relax, and vote against the override when they know that they are limiting a student's education? How can they just sit there and watch Arlington go down the tubes? I would be ashamed of myself.

I am a Junior at Arlington High School and if I was old enough I would definitely vote to override it. I know what the school system can provide for teenagers; it has many benefits. Arlington High has many benefits and it has something for everyone. If the question is not overridden it will have little for anyone.

Older citizens and citizens without children don't realize the seriousness and importance of this override. It may cost you a little more, yes, I mean a little more money, but if you don't override it you are depriving many of a wonderful education and that's just what Arlington can provide!

I am proud to live in Arlington and proud to go to school here but if this is not overridden I am going to be ashamed to live here.

We are the children of the future. We will run this town in about 10 years. Think of what this town would

seems to be chronic with me — at the absence of written opposition to this June 10 referendum as expressed in your "letters" pages. Arlington's voters are either cowed by the steady and relentless stream of written and vocal material by avid proponents of the measure or are waiting voiceless to knock the referendum dead. I hope it is the latter.

It is obviously the strategy of proponents of this referendum to select out specific and "critical" money needs and to cry loudly of disaster if these specific needs are not funded by referendum.

It is equally obvious that they attempt to assuage a skeptical voter by assuring the voter that this is a "one-time" override request and that there will not be another for two or three years.

I say nonsense. They will be back within three years with yet more "critical" or "vital" money needs in still more specific areas. What extraordinary vision of the FY's just ahead do these proponents possess that we mortals cannot perceive that assures the proponents of no further needs. A remarkable peering into the future, I say.

There was a famous Chancellor of the Exchequer of England who sol-

ved a money distribution problem in the following manner:

He called into his beautifully appointed office one day all the Ministers of State. As they ringed a large, polished table, the Chancellor pointed to unsealed envelopes on the table with the name of the appropriate Minister and said somewhat as follows:

"Gentlemen, please take up your envelope and examine the note within. That is all you are to receive to run your Ministry for this Fiscal Year."

With that he rose and left the room, and that was the end of that "budget crisis." Mr. Marquis might try this. It may just work!

John W. Reilly

'Thanks' for Gibbs School

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the faculty and administration of Gibbs Junior High for the tremendous job they're doing. Their dedication and cheerfulness during this difficult year is appreciated.

Leigh D. Bowman

Teacher supports override

TO THE EDITOR:

For many weeks now we've been reading about the pros and cons of a Proposition 2½ override. We hear about the many teachers, policemen and firemen who stand to lose their jobs, not just this year, but in the years to come, if the override is defeated. To most of us, these unfortunate people are just statistics. Names are withheld, time spent in service to the town of Arlington not given, and most of all, family obligations are not mentioned. As I said, just statistics.

I'm here to shed some light on one such statistic — me.

I am a teacher of 15 years, the last 12 spent teaching in Arlington. I have two daughters one of whom attends kindergarten in Arlington, and the other will within the next two years. We own a home, so I'm also an Arlington taxpayer.

We moved to Arlington for a variety of reasons. First and foremost, so that my children could benefit from the excellent public school system, and also enjoy the many town-wide programs and activities that are

offered. Secondly, because my wife's job takes her out of town a few days a week. So, while she's away, I juggle the responsibilities of both mother and father and I take comfort in knowing that my children are a matter of minutes away while I'm at work. Thirdly, because I've always respected the town of Arlington and I enjoy being a part of the town I teach in.

Have you ever had the feeling of being between a rock and a hard place? Well, consider my position. With a defeat of the 2½ override, my children's education will suffer with the elimination of many necessary programs. Also a defeat of the 2½ override means that within a year or two my job could be eliminated, yes, even after 12 to 15 years of service. Then, if the override is passed, my taxes will increase. So, no matter what happens, I will stand to lose somehow, but, I will gladly pay my extra \$3 per week in taxes to keep my job, my children's education and my home in Arlington.

So I ask you to consider those of us who will lose out if the override is defeated. Yes, we are people with family obligations and personal responsibilities — not just statistics.

Peter A. Rufo

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Arlington Extra



The Menotomy Minute Men joined in Monday's Memorial Day Parade in Arlington.



World War I veteran Clarence Marsh, 93, speaks at Memorial Day services at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Arlington honors those who gave their lives in wars

Memories are real for vets and their families

(From page 1A)

bered, "I was just quiet. I didn't do a lot, but it really affected me and I've needed to be a part of it ever since."

Memorial Day serves to bond together all veterans, said Pompey, because of "the effort we gave voluntarily in a time of need."

At one time, owing to the unpopularity of the Vietnam War, Memorial Day services were not as highly regarded, said Pompey, but as the years have gone by much of the bitterness has been healed. "Now it evokes an emotional and not bitter feeling for most people," Pompey told me.

Memorial Day is certainly seen by many as just a holiday, said Pompey, "but for anyone of Vietnam age" even if they were not physically involved, the thought that they could have been there crosses their mind at least once during this weekend.

"No matter how long that thought lasts, the spirit of America has entered them." This is more the case for people of or above Vietnam age, believes Pompey. "Hopefully our young will never have to know that experience," he concluded.

Mrs. Mildred Hurd, a gold star mother and past president of Middlesex Chapter 3, a gold star mothers' organization, lost her son David Hurd in the Vietnam War. She spoke of what Memorial Day meant to her and the emotions that it brought forth.

"It's very hard to come here each year," she said, "but my son David is only going to be remembered as long as I'm here. It hurts to come here and I can't explain it, but it has taken me years to talk about it."

Asked whether there were many mothers like her at the Memorial service, Mrs. Hurd said, "No, because there aren't many of us left. There are really only mothers of Vietnam Veterans left and our numbers aren't great."

She said that she was not sure that young people were fully aware of the true significance of the Memorial Day services. "We've been through it all after all," Mrs. Hurd's husband also died of combat injuries at the end of WWII.

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Allan Ahern, a veteran of the Korean War, said that he participated seriously in his first Memorial Day parade 15 years ago.

"I feel that I owe it to them," said Ahern, "and I want others to do the same for me after I die. Of course, it gets tougher each year because there are more graves to decorate, but I still do it."

"This is the one day besides Veteran's Day which brings us all together, but Veteran's Day is a time for celebration. This one we don't celebrate because there are so many dead in there," said Ahern.

Asked whether Memorial Day celebrations had changed, Ahern said, "Yes, it has gotten much smaller and we didn't have a band today. We used to have big parades with lots of people. I think that now many people forget and just go off to the beach. It doesn't make me mad, but they should remember."

Clarence Walsh, a 93-year-old World War I veteran, agreed that the celebrations had certainly changed. "Well, of course," said Clarence, "it used to be called Decoration Day and we always had a band. I like a band at military services. Hell, if we can give \$500 to the library then we should be able to afford a band."

Clarence proudly told anyone within earshot that of 4,666,000 World War I veterans alive after the war only 129,000 were left "including me."

World War II veteran Marvin Watterson remembered selling flowers at the cemetery as a kid at his early Decoration Day services, but said that since he joined the American Legion the day has had a greater meaning for him.

"Fewer people are interested in the services today," said Mr. Watterson, "but it's not so much them not showing up at parades that bothers me, but the feeling I get all year that the younger generations do not appreciate what's been done for them."

"A day like this is a good reminder of what's been done in the past and not just a remembrance to those who were killed," said Ahern. "I would like to see more young people out here."



Paul Meimaris plays taps at the Memorial Day services in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.



Members of Arlington's veterans' groups salute at the War Memorial in Arlington Center during the Memorial Day observances.

(David Stone photos)



A tired parade watcher holds onto his flag and his mom during Monday's Memorial Day activities.

Parade honors war casualties

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people like you and I, coming from jobs and school. Whatever we say to their families about their sacrifice sounds so inadequate so we just say thank you."

John Sullivan, veteran services officer of the Town of Arlington, and Michael White placed a wreath on the Civil War Monument.

John E. McGreevy, chaplain of American Legion Post No. 39, prayed before the parade re-grouped to march to the Mount Pleasant Cemetery on Medford Street: "Today is sacred — we honor the memory of those who gave their lives for our country buried here and also sleeping beyond the seas. Almighty God, teach us to cherish them all and keep us steadfast in liberty, law and order ... grant that all veterans groups preserve the high ideals of those who died and keep us unselfish in purpose," he said.

The firing party — the Stanley Benner Detachment, Marine Corps League — followed the prayer, ending with taps.

In Mount Pleasant Cemetery, the parade paused first to honor those interred in the G. A. R. (Grand Army of the Republic) and Spanish American War lot. John Sullivan led the Lord's Prayer, then a wreath was placed by Clarence Marsh.

In his 90s, Marsh added a light touch to a solemn moment as he reminisced about the last days of World War I in Europe where he fought. Proudly displaying a German soldier's cap that he had "swapped for my own" the veteran told the group, "we had to use broomsticks for training because no guns were available."

A firing party and taps concluded this portion of the tribute as the parade and followers moved to the World War I lot where Michael White placed a wreath. Charles J. Zuccala, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 1775, placed a wreath at the adjoining World War II and Korean conflict lot.

Selectman Chairman Charles Lyons spoke at this second gravesite service.

"Approximately 218 Arlingtonians gave their lives in battle between World War I and the present. We can enjoy freedom, but we must think of the past, not only those who died, but those who suffered injuries of body, spirit and mind," Lyons said. "We must look at examples like Clarence Marsh for pride in commitment to the community and to the nation — those who have given us freedom and opportunity."

Marsh interjected, "Approximately 4 million men were in service during World War I, now only 129,000 of us are left."

Chaplain John E. McGreevy once again spoke: "This is a fitting time to pay respects to veterans, to remember good deeds, a good fight, a just cause. Let us pray for peace and remember the land of the free, the home of the brave, an America worth fighting for."

A firing party, taps and the national anthem rendered by the Menotomy Minutemen terminated this portion of the celebration.

